

CAA News

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Pay Up or Lose Out!

With the start of a new calendar year, CAA dues are now due. If there is a red dot on your mailing label, you need to send in your check for \$5 to continue your membership with all its benefits. Even better, send in \$10 and you won't have to bother with it for 2 years. Make out the check to CAA, and send it to Box 1480, Suitland, MD 20752. And while you're at it, include a paragraph about what you've been doing.

The Power of Positive Thinking

Research indicates that an optimistic attitude can protect elderly people from becoming frail.

Positive attitudes have been known to speed up the healing of fractures, slow the progression of HIV infection, and protect against heart disease and stroke. The new study adds to the growing literature on the virtues of being optimistic, having self-esteem, being happy, and enjoying life.

The 7-year study sampled a large number of elderly Mexican Americans in the Southwest. People with the most positive attitudes had the smallest declines over time in weight loss, stamina, walking speed, and grip strength, according to University of Texas researchers.

News From Alumni

[If possible, please send your contribution by e-mail to gmann928@hotmail.com. Otherwise, use the Suitland mail address found on the last page.]

Please notice two things: (1) This newsletter is only two pages; (2) There are no news items from alumni. Of course, these items are related, because there would be more newsletter if there were more news.

What you send needn't be amazing or poetic; just let our readers know where you are and what you've been doing—they really are interested. (And I'm sure they would rather read a page of news than a page of obituaries!)

New Drug Proves Effective Against Crohn's Disease

A new drug can offer dramatic relief to many victims of the painful bowel disorder, Crohn's disease. The drug may also work against illnesses such as arthritis and multiple sclerosis, say researchers.

In a small preliminary study, researchers at the National Institutes of Health and elsewhere found that weekly injections of the drug ABT-874 reduced symptoms in as many as three-quarters of patients, three times as many as dummy injections.

The drug's maker, Abbott Laboratories, has not yet decided whether to conduct further tests and to seek approval of the drug.

Source: New England Journal of Medicine

Fun at the Reunion Luncheon

Seventy-eight alumni and guests enjoyed our 2004 reunion at the Andrews Officers Club on October 1. (Unfortunately, 103 people signed up; the 25 missing people lost only their \$5 payment, but CAA lost \$10 on each of them, for a total of \$250!) The buffet featured Mediterranean dishes, and Shirley Jones awarded lots of door prizes. Everyone enjoyed the cash bar and the opportunity to chat with former coworkers. If you weren't there, you missed a fun afternoon; make sure you come to the next one!

Barbara Bows Out!

The long-time editor of *Census CounterParts*, Barbara Hatchl, is retiring at the beginning of the new year. Barbara has been a good friend of CAA, helping us get the newsletter mailed out with *CounterParts*. We thank her for all her help, and wish her the best of luck in retirement.

SENILITY PRAYER

Grant me the senility to forget the people
I never liked;

The good fortune to run into the people I do like;
And the eyesight to tell the difference.

DEATHS

[Please forward obituaries of former Census Bureau employees you see in papers outside the DC area.]

M. Lucille Watson, 90, died September 6. She had a pulmonary embolism. Early in her government career she was a supervisor of clerks at the Census Bureau, and later worked in the wartime Office of Price Administration. She left no immediate survivors.

James W. Quander, 86, died of diabetes-related complications on October 9 at Washington Hospital Center. He was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at age 5 and was told he wouldn't live past his 10th birthday. He held a wide variety of white-collar jobs in the federal government, including a stint at the Census Bureau, before retiring in 1973. In 1971 he was ordained as a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church. His wife of 60 years, Joherra Quander, died in 2002. Survivors include four children, 11 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Arthur Young, 79, former chief of the Housing Division, died on October 12 of congestive heart failure. He began his career with the Census Bureau's Field Division in 1952. In 1964 he became chief of the Housing Division and remained in that position until his retirement in 1988. He played a major role in developing the Annual Housing Survey, which in 1984 became the American Housing Survey. He was an avid duckpin bowler and a great story teller. His wife of 49 years, Anne, died in 1999. Survivors include six children, eight grandchildren, and a great number of friends.

John Sabo died October 14 of complications due to cancer. He had worked in the Computer Services Division. No other details are available.

Evelyn W. Colburn, 88, died of congestive heart failure November 3 at her home in Rockville, MD. She began her government career in the early 1940s as a survey analyst at the War Production Board, and later worked as an analytical statistician at the National Production Authority. She took a position as a supervisory survey statistician at the Census Bureau in 1955, and became responsible for various parts of the census of manufactures. She later

directed the training branch of the International Statistical Programs Center. She worked there until her retirement in 1976. Her husband of 59 years, Mark Colburn, died in 2000. Survivors include two children and four grandchildren.

Russell "Dick" Clements died October 19. He had served as administrative assistant in the Geography Division until his retirement in 1984. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, a son, a daughter, three grandchildren, and a brother.

Ella Thomas died November 26. She retired from Governments division in 1982. No further details are available.

Mary Louise Mundell died September 29. She retired from the Data Users Services Division. Her husband, Charles Mundell, predeceased her. Survivors include a daughter, two sons, nine grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Gertrude Whitehouse, 83, died of pneumonia June 4 at a nursing home in York, PA. She worked for 35 years at the Census Bureau and retired in 1976 as a branch chief. She moved to York after her husband, John Whitehouse, died in 1984. Survivors include a daughter, a brother, and a grandson.

Gertrude "Pidge" Melle died July 7 after a prolonged struggle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Melle, who died in 1985. She worked for many years at the Census Bureau until her retirement. Survivors include a sister, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

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Your contributions are welcome on any subject of interest to former Census Bureau employees, especially news of yourselves and your families.

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